Sl. No.	Name of the SEB		Surplus/Deficit (Rs. in crores)		Rate of Return achieved (Percentage)	
			1995-96	1996-97*	1995-96	1996-97
6.	Karnataka	(U)	51.20	—	3.00	—
7.	Kerala	(U)	22.76	—	3.00	—
8.	M.P.	(A)	133.79	—	3.00	—
9.	Maharashtra	(U)	349.80	346.58	4.50	4.50
10.	Orissa	(U)	26.94	—	3.00	—
11.	Punjab	(A)	142.85	107.87	4.69	3.94
12.	Rajasthan	(U)	80.84	—	3.00	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	(A)	339.19	—	8.42	—
14.	Uttar PR.	(A)	22.20	268.13	0.24	2.78
15.	W.B.	(A)	17.22	18.25	3.00	3.00
16.	Assam	(P)	-261.36	—	-29.11	—
17.	Meghalaya	(A)	-12.76	-33.52	-6.56	-17.07

(A) : Audited
(U) : Unaudited
(P) : Provisional

* Unaudited Accounts

Development of Hydro-Electric Power in Ninth Plan

297. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the 9th five year plan, development of hydro-electric power has been identified as a major thrust area; and

(b) if so, the details of the major hydro-electric projects planned to be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The 9th Plan is yet to be finalised. The major ongoing hydro-electric projects likely to be commissioned during the Ninth Plan are nathpa Jakhri HEP (1500 MW). Tehri St. I (1000 MW), Ranjit Sagar (600 MW), Upper Indravati HEP (600 MW), Sirsailam (900 MW). Dulhasti HEP (390 MW) and Koyna HEP St. IV (1000 MW). Work on projects such as Ghatghar PSS (250 MW), Sarapadi HEP (90 MW) Dhauliganga HEP (280 MW). Maheshwar (400 MW), Baspa (300 MW) has been initiated by the respective executing agencies for capacity benefits in Ninth Plan and beyond.

Setting up of Joint Venture Companies with SEBs

298. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to set up joint venture companies with State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, what is the objectives behind alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether Government are aware, if such joint venture are floated elsewhere in the field of power generation, transmission and distribution, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if that happens the name of the organisation which would be responsible for the entire infrastructure so needed alongwith details?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a), (b) and (d) The State Government's of Orissa, Haryana and Rajasthan are